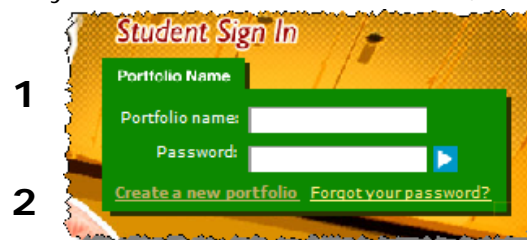


Create Your Portfolio

A portfolio allows you complete access to Bridges tools. It also is a place to track your interests, skills, career options, learning paths, work you've already completed, and any work you plan to complete. Your portfolio is a showcase of who you are and what you want to do. The better it is, the better your future is likely to be.

1) Go to www.nd.bridges.com



2) Click on **Create a new portfolio**

3) Fill in the required fields

Use proper format for **First and Last Name**, capitalizing the proper letters. (e.g. John McDoe)

Choose your own **Portfolio name** and **password** and write them on the cut-out card on page 2. These will be used for access to Choices Explorer or Planner hereafter.

5) After all info is complete, click **Create your portfolio** to login for the first time.

Once you've created your portfolio, you'll only need your portfolio name and password to get access to all your information. Keep in mind that teachers and administrators at your school may view your portfolio information.

[Clear All](#)

City: Once you've selected your City, all the schools for that City will appear in the School list.

School or Site: If you are unsure select "Other"

You are as:

First name: Your personal data will be secure.

Last name:

Date of Birth: Children under 13 years old may create a portfolio, but can't store personal information or use tools requiring personal information.

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Ethnicity: ☐ African-American ☐ Asian ☐ Hispanic ☐ Native American ☐ White ☐ Other

Student #: Enter 0 if you don't have a student number.

Grad Year: Choose the year you plan to graduate from high school.

Portfolio name: A portfolio name must be unique (an e-mail address, for example), it must be at least 4 characters and it cannot have spaces or be all numbers. You may use letters, numbers and the characters @ _ - .

Portfolio password: A password must be 4 or more characters and cannot be the same as your portfolio name. You may use letters, numbers and the characters @ _ - .

Optional Information

Your e-mail: Your portfolio password will be sent to this address if you ever forget it.

Parent's e-mail:

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Accessing Programs & Resources

Once logged into your portfolio – look for the “Welcome [Your Name]” at the top of this *Students* page. The image shown here shows some of Bridges online programs under *Your Tools*. You will only see the online products provided by Student Loans of North Dakota or those subscribed to by your school.

The screenshot shows the Bridges North Dakota website. At the top, there's a blue header with the logo on the left and 'Welcome, Kathy | [Change Password](#) | [Sign Out](#)' on the right. Below the header are three tabs: 'STUDENTS' (highlighted), 'PARENTS', and 'EDUCATORS'. To the right of the tabs is the text 'The Student Success Company™'. The main content area has a large banner with the word 'Students' in a stylized font and the text 'Thinking about your future? Try one of the tools below.' Below this is a green box titled 'YOUR TOOLS - North Dakota'. Inside this box are four tool icons: 'Choices Explorer' (Explore your career and education options), 'Choices Planner' (Plan your future work and learning), 'Ability Profiler' (Connect your abilities to potential careers), and 'testGEAR' (Achieve your college plans and goals). To the right of the green box is a red box titled 'VIDEO CONTEST' with 'Winners Announced!' and a 'WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?' graphic. Below the red box is a grey box titled 'Exploring Careers' with a clock icon and the text 'Find your best career options and learn how to explore the world of work.' and a link 'Exploring Careers'. At the bottom right of the grey box is a 'Planning' section. A white box with the number '6' is placed over the 'Choices Explorer' icon, and a white box with the number '7' is placed over the 'Exploring Careers' link.

6) Click on an icon under **Your Tools** to start using the tool.

7) Click on any of the resource links for guides on using Your Tools, as well as other useful articles and activities.

STUDENT ACCESS & REFERENCE CARD

Go to **www.nd.bridges.com** and enter your...

Portfolio Name: _____

Password: _____

Then, use the three resource links on the right or click on one of the Choices icons to start.

Name: _____



STUDENT ACCESS & REFERENCE CARD

HOME – always new Highlighted work, learn, and life info

WORK – match careers to your ideal future, see how students before you have fared, and find work right now.

LEARN – map a 4-6 year high school plan, learn about post-secondary programs, and prepare for college.

LIFE – connect volunteering and recreation opportunities to school and work.

YOUR PORTFOLIO – saved assessment results, favorite careers, programs, completed courses, career plans and projects, a journal, and much more!

FRONT

BACK

Complete, fold, cut out, and save for future reference

